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ERYTHROPOIETIN ALPHA  
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Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Final Office Action mailed on October 7, 2003 setting a  
three-month term for reply. The Applicant respectfully requests a one-month extension of time